

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An optical scanning device directs a light beam emitted from a light source to a mirror of a mechanical deflector through a first optical system, deflects the light beam in a main scanning direction by causing the light beam to be reflected by a mirror surface of the mirror, the angle of the mirror surface changing due to rotation of the mirror, and directs the deflected light beam through a second optical system to a surface to be scanned moving in a sub-scanning direction, the light source, first optical system and mechanical deflector being contained in a housing. The mechanical deflector is held in the housing through a holding member, and, also, material of the housing is different in heat conductivity from the holding member.